

Community Announcements

Q&A Class @ 11:15am in B05B

This class is run weekly and is open to anyone (new Christians, seekers, newcomers, etc) who have any questions about Christianity. The format is a flexible Q & A style. Please see a Welcome Team member for more information.

Tax Receipts for 2017 Donations

Receipts for 2017 donations are now available in the church office. For any enquiries, please contact Jennifer Kou (Church Treasurer) at jennifer.kou@ntcbc.ca

NTCBC Easter Events

Mar 30, 4:00pm English Good Friday Service
Mar 30, 7:30pm Chinese Good Friday Service
Apr 1, 2:00pm Easter Baptism

Senior Pastor Calling

After months of prayers, the Deacon Board has affirmed the calling of a Senior Pastor candidate with membership affirmation vote to be taken in March 25th membership meeting.

Prayer Meetings for Senior Pastor Calling

Date: March 10, 17, 24 (Saturday)

Time: 8am-9am

Location: Mandarin Sanctuary (Second Floor)

Special Membership Meeting on Mar 18

During this meeting, we will be reviewing the candidate's biography with the membership.

Time: 2pm-3pm

Location: Main Sanctuary

Welcome Lunch April 1st @ 12:30pm

Welcome Lunch is an opportunity for those who are new to not only connect with members of NTCBC, but to be plugged into a Small Group or Fellowship. Please see a Welcome Team member for more info! Members pay \$5 for lunch & newcomers eat free!

Jiang-Xi Gospel Exchange & English Camp (July 19-31, 2018)

Applications for this STM team will be accepted starting in April for the whole month. Application form is available at the office. See Rev. Lau or Cindy Chan for details.

Staff News

Vacations

- Pastor Cat from Mar 3–17

Children Ministry

Easter Celebration Event

The Easter Scavenger Hunt

Date : Sunday, April 1, 11:15am - 12:30pm

For more information, Contact Winnie Lai

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VBC 2018

Theme: Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus

Date: August 7-17

Grade: Completed SK - Grade 6

Registration start at March 25

For more information: www.ntcbc.org

Email to vinc@ntcbc.org for inquires



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2018 Theme

Living Stones of
the Spiritual House
1 Peter 2:4-8

2015-2019 Theme | Expanding the Kingdom
of God | 1 Peter 1:3-2:10

English Worship Service

March 11, 2018

9:45AM – Main Sanctuary

	This Week	Next Week
Praise Leader	Clement Phuong	Gordon Chiu
Scripture	1 Peter 2:4-8	Galatians 2:15-3:29
Sermon Title	Be a holy priesthood offering spiritual sacrifices	Sanctification by Faith
Speaker	Rev. Patrick Lau	Pastor Kwan Chan
Lord's Table	Rev. Patrick Lau	-
Benediction	Rev Patrick Lau	Rev Patrick Lau

Sunday School

January to April 2018 | 11:15am – 12:30pm

Age Group	Class	Location
Junior High (Gr 7-8)	Pentateuch	Room 314/315
High School	Pentateuch	Room 317
Adult	Old Testament Survey	Room 102
Adult (Women only)	Genesis	Basement
All	Baptism & Membership	B09 (Office Level)

Welcome to NTCBC! We're glad you've decided to join us in worshipping our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. If you have any questions at all, please speak with someone from our Welcome Team (they're the friendly people in the blue shirts!). They will happily connect you with a Sunday School class, the Q&A class, or even a Fellowship or Small Group.

Sermon Guide

Sermon Title: Be a holy priesthood offering spiritual sacrifices

1 Peter 2:4-8

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

Sermon Summary

In this standalone sermon, we examine God’s call for us to be a holy priesthood that offers our heartfelt, Holy Spirit-empowered obedience as a spiritual sacrifice to God. Those who offer themselves to God in this manner will be able to discern His will. It is a timely reminder that God is not only pursuing a relationship with us and is working among us, but He desires to make His will known to us so that we can walk alongside Him.

Study Questions for Small Groups & Fellowships

Icebreaker: Share a time where you ‘judged a book by its cover’ and later discovered that you were totally wrong in your assessment.

1. What are the two main metaphors used to describe the members within a church? Contrast the reality of a ‘priesthood of all believers’ with the priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church. What are some differences between being a member of the priesthood versus being a standalone priest?

2. Read Ezekiel 22:30 to identify one of the roles of the priesthood. What does it mean to ‘stand in the gap’ or to be a bridge-builder between God and others? According to 1 Peter 2:6-8, what happens if a church fails to properly take up their responsibility as a priesthood?

3. Read Romans 12:1-2, as well as 1 Peter 2:4-5, to identify another function of the priesthood. What is a spiritual sacrifice and how does it differ from the sacrifices offered in the Old Testament? Brainstorm a list of spiritual sacrifices and prayerfully consider one spiritual sacrifice God wants you to offer to Him this week.

4. What is the connection between obedience and discernment? Why is discernment a spiritual exercise and not an intellectual one? How does the Holy Spirit lead us to discern the will of our Heavenly Father? Reflect and think of a time where God revealed His will to you. How did you know that it was God’s will revealed versus coincidence/good-timing/sound logic/sound counsel?

How will you respond to God’s Word this week?

Church Life

Sun Sunday School
11:15am-12:30pm (various classrooms)

Adult Fellowship
11:15am-12:30pm (Rooms 314/315/317)

Q&A Class
11:15am-12:30pm (B05B – Office Level)

Children’s Sunday School
11:15am-12:30pm (Check-in on 3rd Floor)

Mon Volleyball Skills Clinic
7:30pm-9:30pm (Gym)

Tues Men’s Basketball
7:00pm-10:00pm (Gym)

Wed Prayer Meeting
8:00pm-9:15pm (3rd Floor)

Children’s Prayer Meeting
8:00pm-9:00pm (Library)

Thur Career Small Groups
7:30pm-9:45pm (3rd Floor)

Fri Malachi High School Fellowship
7:30pm-9:45pm (Rm 302)

Junior High School Fellowship
7:30pm-9:45pm (Rm 306)

Immanuel Career Small Group
8:00pm-10:00pm (Rm 311)

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For all general questions regarding English Ministries, please send an email to Pastor Kwan or to our English Ministry Vice Chair, Derek Ma, at derek.ma@ntcbc.ca. If you have a general question about our church, please email Wilman Lai at admin@ntcbc.org.

Last Week’s Attendance

Cantonese - 8:15am	94
Cantonese - 11:15am	154
English – 9:45am	195
Mandarin - 8:15am	22
Mandarin - 11:15am	63
Mandarin - 3:15pm	17

Last Week’s Offering

General:	\$22,150
Mission Fund:	\$4,135
Maintenance:	\$740
Building:	\$600
Other:	\$340